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**City of Framingham Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs Division
Wins Agency of the Year Award for Maintenance Innovation**

FRAMINGHAM, MA – The City of Framingham Division of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs was presented with the 2023 Agency of the Year Award for Maintenance Innovation from the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association at their annual conference on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

The Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) is dedicated to the promotion, advancement, development, and improvement of all recreation and park services within Massachusetts as well as on a National level.

The Agency of the Year Award for Maintenance Innovation is awarded to a city, town, or state agency that has created or developed a new technique, personnel scheduling/equipment use, or maintenance-management practice or master plan.

The City of Framingham was chosen for this award for implementing the Turf Tank Robotic Line Marking Machine. The City's Parks Maintenance staff maintains 67 athletic fields.

By implementing this machine, the Department has not only expedited the field marking process, it has been proven to save on labor hours, equipment needed, materials used, and the number of staff needed to complete the job.

This an excellent example of how we line the football field at Bowditch Field. Using conventional methods to prep and line the field would take 10 gallons of paint and 4 staff members 8 hours (32 labor hours) to complete. By implementing the Turf Tank, once the dimensions are programmed, Bowditch Field only needs 5 gallons of paint and 1 staff member for 4 hours to prep and line the field.

"I would like to thank the MRPA Officers for acknowledging the outstanding efforts of the Framingham Parks and Recreation Department. Thank you, Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and Louise



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Miller, CFO, for supporting this initiative and investing in our park operation. Lastly, I want to thank the Parks Crew for their outstanding efforts and their commitment to utilizing technology to make our park operation more efficient and cost-effective.” - James Snyder, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs

The Parks and Recreation Department is honored to be recognized by its peers and the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association.



Pictured in Photo:
Superintendent of Recreation, Elaine Prue
Medium Equipment Operator, Daniel Herwick
Director, James Snyder
MRPA Executive Director, Katie DuPont
Deputy Director, James Duane

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